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issued a series of maps of the Antilles, Persia and China on this scale. The cartographic department of the Royal Prussian Land Survey followed with a map of eastern China, a number of sheets of which are now completed; and the Intelligence Division of the War Office of London is now publishing a large map of Africa on the uniform scale. All these enterprises are helping to carry out the scheme of a uniform map of the world the progress of which will be advanced to an important extent by cooperation in the western hemisphere.

A LETTER FROM PROFESSOR W. DEECKE.

SIR,—With reference to the review of my book on Italy* in No. 10 of Vol. XXXVII of the BULLETIN, permit me to state that the book has been translated without my knowledge and consent, and that I must therefore decline all responsibility for the alteration or omissions or any other liberties the translator may have taken with the text of the original.

Greifswald, October 21, 1905.

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To the Editor of the BULLETIN.

GEOGRAPHICAL RECORD.

AFRICA.

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION IN SOUTH AFRICA.—Professor W. M. Davis, of Harvard University, has lately contributed to the New York *Nation* and to the *Boston Transcript* five letters giving a general account of the recent visit of the British Association to South Africa. The two letters in the *Nation* give a more formal account of the meetings and of the itinerary of the various excursions; the three letters in the *Transcript* describe the more personal events of the voyage to Cape Town, of the journey into the interior as far as the Victoria Falls of the Zambezi, and of the voyage home from Beira by the East Coast. Some four hundred over-sea members, including sixteen foreign guests, of whom five were from the United States, took part in this great excursion. The plans were so carefully laid that every arrival and every departure occurred on dates that were

* Italy. A Popular Account of the Country, its People and its Institutions (including Malta and Sardinia). By Professor W. Deecke. With numerous Maps and Illustrations. Translated by H. A. Nesbitt, M.A. London: Swan Sonnenschein & Co., Ltd. New York: The Macmillan Co., 1904.